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They don't seem to be catching Jaehne more New York aldermen.

CONGRESSMAN SYDNEY understands the mild persuasiveness of an appropriation bill.

Does Mr. Simpson feel the postoffice slipping away from under him? Was he invited to join the merry throng in Washington?

The Chaplain of the House must not touch live topics, or somebody will feel really hurt. Ancient history rarely hurts anybody's feelings.

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"AS YOU WERE."

Joy and Delight in the Morning, Gloom and Anxiety at Night.

Mr. Gould Says Mr. Powderly "Misconstrued" His Telegram to Hoxie.

And that the Situation is Just as it was before Confering.

Strikers at St. Louis Ordered to Work—Order Afterward Rescinded.

St. Louis, March 29.—The Joint Executive Committee of District Assemblies Nos. 101, 43 and 17, in session this morning, have just issued the following brief address:

St. Louis, March 29, 1886.

To the Knights of Labor of the Great Southwest:

FELLOW WORKMEN: We congratulate you, one and all, for your manhood and fortitude during our late great fight for recognition and right. Now that the battle is fought and the victory won, let us wear our laurels as men of dignity and moderation, every man to his post and to his duty with quiet and sobriety. Let us exhibit the same zeal for the upbuilding of the business of the West that we have just done in proving that labor is king.

By order of Joint Executive Board of D. A. Nos. 101, 43 and 17.

At 10 o'clock to-night the Executive Committee rescinded the order issued this morning for the men to resume work.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Mr. Gould Declares that Powderly Misconstrued His Utterances.

New York, March 29.—The spirit of exultation which filled the hearts of the Executive Board of the Knights of Labor this morning soon changed to grave anxiety. When William O. McDowell called at Mr. Gould's office at 9:30 this morning he was not so favorably impressed with the reception accorded him at Mr. Gould's house Sunday. Mr. Gould gave McDowell to understand that he had been a misconception of his telegram to Hoxie, which was sent Sunday. Mr. McDowell returned to the Astor house and conferred with the General Executive Board and two of the members at once returned with McDowell to Mr. Gould's office. The conference then was short and an adjournment was had until 3 o'clock this afternoon, the hope being entertained at that hour that Mr. Powderly might be well enough to attend. At 3:30 o'clock, however, Messrs. Turner and McDowell entered Jay Gould's office without Mr. Powderly. At about 4 o'clock the conference ended.

MISUNDERSTANDING GOULD.

Subsequently an inquiry at Mr. Gould's office was answered by the following statement: Mr. Powderly has evidently misunderstood the meaning of the telegram that we sent on Sunday to Mr. Hoxie. Our position is that this strike has been in a condition for arbitration all of the time. We have had an agreement with the workmen for sometime that all differences were to have been submitted for arbitration before any strike should be resorted to. Manager Hoxie has this matter in hand. He has full control, and the matter must be settled with him. We are just where we were before Sunday's conference.

A gentleman who represented Jay Gould at his office, said: "The conference of Sunday was between Mr. Gould and Mr. Powderly. Mr. Gould said distinctly and often stated that neither gentleman was acting officially."

MR. GOULD TO MR. POWDERLY.

Mr. Gould this afternoon sent the following letter to Mr. Powderly, who makes it public as the matter is referred to in the interview with Mr. Gould. The letter is marked "personal."

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, NEW YORK, March 29.

T. V. Powderly, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—The papers this morning published the following:

"Jay Gould has consented to our proposition for arbitration, and so telegraphed Vice President Hoxie. Order the men to resume work at once."

"T. V. POWDERLY, "Grand Master Workman."

They published an interview with you which led me to think that the matter was settled. I write you this in order that there may be no grounds for misunderstanding hereafter.

"Very respectfully,

"President of the Missouri Pacific."

"When this was received by Mr. Powderly he wrote down these notes which were taken to the conference and sent to Mr. Gould."

POWDERLY WANTS TO KNOW.

"Do I understand you from your personal letter of this date that your company refuse arbitration, and must I so telegraph Martin Irons?"

"When the committee arrived at Mr. Gould's office he had gone out, but they were received by Second Vice President Hopkins, who made this answer to Mr. Powderly:

"You may say distinctly to him, no, we do not. It is not to be understood that I say, but he is referred to Mr. Gould's written communication to him, which he is prepared to carry out in every particular."

"The committee then left Mr. Gould's office and returned to the Astor House. This evening the following letter was sent to Mr. Gould's house by a messenger:

ASTOR HOUSE, NEW YORK, March 29.

Mr. Jay Gould, President Missouri Pacific Railway Company.

DEAR SIR:—I regret exceedingly that my sickness to-day has prevented me from keeping the engagement made by me with you for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

A TECHNICALITY.

Our proposition that the men should return at once to work on the agreement that any complaints they might have

should be submitted to arbitration was made in perfect good faith, and when after the receipt by you of our letter of Saturday night, and our conference of Sunday, made the telegraphic order to General Manager Hoxie contained in your letter to me of the same date in which was used the following language, "we see no objection to arbitrating between the men and the company, past or future," we accepted your approval of the general principles of arbitration in equal faith, and at once issued our order for the men to return to work. We are particular in the adjustment of the present difficulties, whether the arbitrators appointed by your company shall be named by General Manager Hoxie or yourself, or whether their number shall consist of five or seven. In case they consist of three my associates have named me, (if sickness prevents one of the members of the Board will take my place). In case they consist of five, Mr. W. McDowell, who is a member of the Board, would add a third name. We can imagine no greater misfortune for your company than that the impression should be left, not only to the community at large, but to the community at large, whose interests are suffering as the result of the present condition of affairs, that a break had occurred between the interests which you represent and which I represent by reason of a technicality.

The gentleman who waited upon you informs me that in case I was unable to meet with you this afternoon at 3 o'clock, that I was to meet you to-morrow at 10 o'clock. I hope to be able to keep my engagement at that time.

After the receipt of your personal letter to me and reading the interview with you published in the papers this morning, the following telegram was sent to you:

Messrs. Daly, Irons and Hoxie at St. Louis, St. Louis and Fort Worth.

New York, March 29.—Complications have arisen since morning as to the methods of arbitration. Another conference will be held to-morrow.

T. V. POWDERLY, G. M. W.

BLOCKING TRAFFIC.

Trains Stopped at Kansas City and Atchison. One Train Ditched.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 29.—Four freight trains arrived from the East to-day. Two started East and one West, all under guard. As the last train was passing a switch the strikers threw the switch open, overturning two cars and blocking the main track. They permitted the train to be cleared, after which the train was also derailed.

ATCHISON, March 29.—The strike situation here to-day was very serious. The strikers' engine, ditched trains and blocked the track. The switch and a posse of deputies manned a train at 9 o'clock this morning and ran the train, barely escaping a misplaced switch, and sent it west.

In the afternoon two trains arrived. A switch was thrown ahead of the second one and the rails smeared with soap so that it was impossible to stop the train, which was ditched.

SITUATION AT EAST ST. LOUIS.

CHICAGO, March 29.—The Inter-Ocean's Springfield, Ill., special says: Advice have been received here during the day from East St. Louis giving accounts of the operations of a mob of railroad strikers and roughs at that place. Sheriff Ripquet, of St. Clair county, telegraphed the Governor for aid. Inquiries were sent for particulars of the strike and conflicting statements came back from different parties of whom inquiry had been made. A delegation of prominent railroad officials came up from East St. Louis to-night to have a consultation with the Governor.

POWDERLY'S ORDERS.

Received at St. Louis with Incredulity by the Knights of Labor.

St. Louis, Mo., March 29.—The news telegraphed from New York last night that Grand Master Workman Powderly had ordered the strikers on the Gould Southwest system of railroads to resume work immediately pending arbitration was received by the Knights of Labor here with incredulity, some even going so far as to say they believed the telegram to be a forgery. After the first surprise occasioned by the intelligence had passed, general indignation was expressed that the strike was not to be prolonged, and that the men would be allowed to go back to work.

The absence of Mr. Irons, Chairman of the Executive Committee of District Assemblies No. 101, will delay to some extent the resumption of traffic upon the roads, for the other members of this committee state that the men of their assembly will not go back to work until they have either met and executed the demand of Mr. Powderly that the strike be ordered off, or Mr. Irons himself shall issue such an order.

Referring to Mr. Powderly's order to the Knights of Labor now on a strike in the Missouri Pacific, the Executive Committee of this assembly has decided to advise the committee that the Grand Master Workman has exceeded his authority, and that such an order cannot be enforced until endorsed by their vote. This will necessitate the transaction of a large amount of business before the Executive Committee of each District Assembly must meet and vote upon the proposition. The result of these votes must then be communicated to Mr. Irons, who, if he majestically issues an order of return to work, will endorse Mr. Powderly's order of last night to that effect.

GOULD'S POSITION.

Powderly Misconstrued Him—The Strikers Must Deal with Vice President Hoxie.

New York, March 29.—As the following telegram from Mr. Gould to Mr. Hoxie seems to have been misconstrued by Mr. Powderly it is worth repetition:

"H. M. Hoxie, General Manager, St. Louis:—"

"In resuming the movement of trains on the Missouri Pacific, I have no objection to your company's proposition that the men of the company will give preference to our late employees, whether they are members of the K. of L. or not, except that you will not employ a person who has injured the company's property during the strike, nor will we discharge any person who has taken service with the company during the said strike. We see no objection to arbitrating any differences between the employees and the company, past or future. I remain yours, very truly,

JAY GOULD, President."

In an interview this morning Mr. Gould said: "The above telegram to Mr. Hoxie was prepared before my conference with Mr. Powderly yesterday, and was not the result of anything Mr. Powderly said. It is expressed the stand which the Missouri Pacific has taken from the beginning, that is, that the company is always ready to arbitrate any differences between the employees and the company, past or future. Mr. Powderly seems to have assumed from that telegram that I have agreed to the plan submitted by the Executive Board of the Knights of Labor Saturday, providing for the appointment of an arbitration committee, three members of which are to be appointed by myself and three by the Knights of Labor, and these jointly choose a seventh member."

Now, I must emphatically say that there was anything in my telegram to Mr.

Hoxie, or that there was anything said at the conference yesterday, to warrant any one in believing that I for a moment assented to any such plan. I will appoint no members of any arbitration committee. The whole matter rests in the hands of Mr. Hoxie, and if he can arrange a basis for arbitration which will include the strike of the men, he will make no objection, but the whole matter will be arranged with him. I am now preparing a letter to Mr. Powderly which will clearly set forth my position as outlined above.

"We have telegraphed to Mr. Gould stating the men had not resumed work this morning, as they were ordered to do by Mr. Powderly."

OBSTACLES IN THE WAY.

Of a Settlement of the Strike—Judge Advocate's Opinion.

St. Louis, March 29.—J. J. McCarty, Judge Advocate of the Knights of Labor, was seen this morning by a reporter, and in reply to an inquiry as to how the order of Grand Master Workman Powderly would be obeyed, said: "If Mr. Irons receives it early enough he might put a cipher dispatch on the wires and by one o'clock every man could be back to work."

"Will the men go back to work on Mr. Powderly's order?"

"No, they will not until the matter is arbitrated upon; and then, no matter how this arbitration results, all men must be taken back without any discrimination being shown against any for being leaders or any other cause."

"But will not refusal to obey Mr. Powderly's orders be a violation of the laws of the Knights?"

"It will not. You see, he might be mistaken. We want arbitration first before we will work. All the men are the same way of thinking. I met them at Marshall, Texas, and I know their sentiments."

"What are the questions you want arbitration upon?"

"We want to know that the truckmen and unskilled laborers on the Gould Southwest system receive \$1.50 for ten hours' work. Hereafter they have received \$1.15, but have made only nine hours' work, getting actually only \$1.03. Next, we want to know that the men who have been continued as such since 1883, but are really journeymen now, shall have their wages raised and be recognized as journeymen. Some are receiving \$1.50, and some as much more. A man might be six days out and come back with only three days allowed him. We asked that full time be allowed them whether in the shop or on the road, but no time was asked for night work."

"Then you want these questions settled by your demands being granted in whole or in part before you will return to work?"

"Yes; arbitration first, and then a written agreement that all the men shall be taken back without discrimination."

He detailed the mode of arbitration proposed, and said: "We shall abide by the decision of the arbitrators on the questions, no matter what these decisions may be."

"And what about the Hall matter?"

"That will have to go to the courts."

DISTRESS AT PITDMONT.

The Miners Strike in the Region Assuming a Very Serious Aspect.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 29.—A Piedmont, W. Va., special says: The miners strike in the surrounding bituminous coal field is assuming a very serious aspect, and the experience of 1882, when the strike lasted six months, will, it is feared, be repeated. All the mines are being boycotted and to-morrow the men will be out on strike. Because the thousands of miners idle several hundred railroad men here are idle. The loss in this immediate vicinity is \$1,000 per day. Foreign labor will probably be introduced by mine owners.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 29.—The street car strike developed nothing new to-day. Everything was quiet and likely to remain so for the next twenty-four hours at least, as the railway officials say they will not attempt to run any cars at present. It is feared that the strike will last several days, however, arrangements will be made to start the cars on one or two lines with non-union men. President Patrick, of the Birmingham road, says when they get ready to start applications will be made to the Mayor of the city and the sheriff for protection against violence.

INCREASE OF WAGES GRANTED.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 29.—The ten percent advance in wages demanded by the machinery molders some time ago, to take effect to-day, has been granted by Jones & Laughlins, Porter & Bell, Anderson Bell, W. H. Irwin, and the Lewis & Son Company.

A prisoner escaped from the Lafayette jail to-day, and was captured through the aid of the plucky fifty-year-old son.

Bills for the admission of Washington Territory, Interstate Commerce and bankruptcy are booked for consideration in the United States Senate to-day.

It is believed that the schooner Charles H. Morse, which is missing, was bound for Boston, carried nine persons, and was valued at \$32,000.

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